

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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25. (New) An in vitro method of diagnosis, applied to a urine sample from a test subject for the determination of improper manipulation by the test subject of the sample to be diagnosed, in which marker substances PEG (polyethylene glycols), which are only slightly metabolisable or are non-metabolisable and are diagnosable in urine, were administered to the test subject, the method comprising:

administering to the test subject, at the same time and in addition to the PEG marker substances, a metabolizable substance comprising at least one of a derivative of benzoic acid or 4-hydroxy-benzoic acid, that can be detected in the same chromatogram with the non-metabolizable PEG marker substances and that,

after metabolism, is no longer detectable in the sample in which the marker substances are analyzed.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein methyl-4-hydroxybenzoate is used as the metabolizable substance.